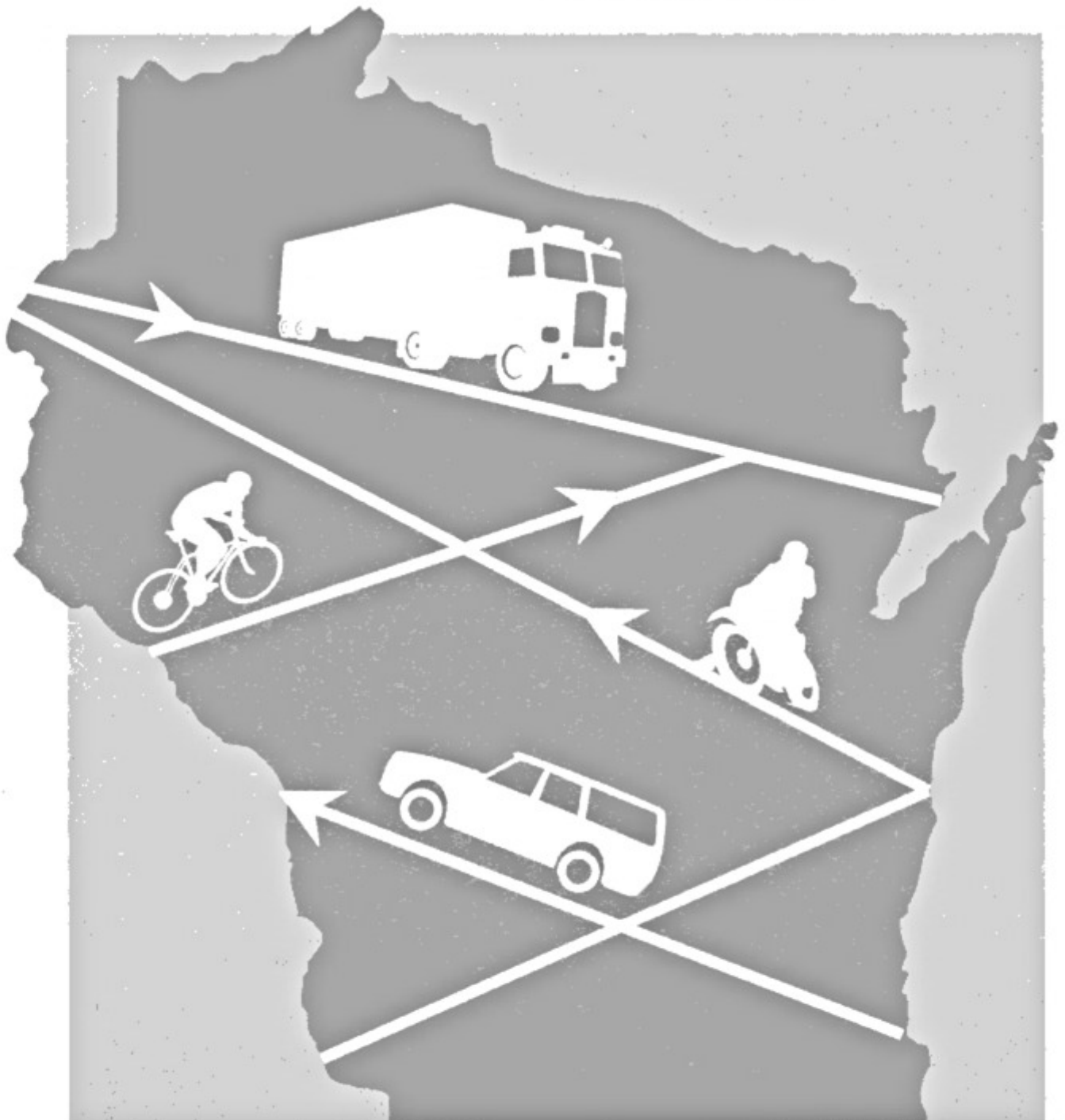


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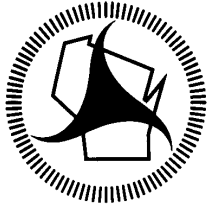
2001 Facts and Figures

- 764 persons were killed in Wisconsin motor vehicle traffic crashes (40% involved alcohol, 32% involved speed, and 16% involved both speed and alcohol).
- 58,279 persons were injured in 39,358 reported injury crashes and 684 fatal crashes. An average of two persons were killed every day on Wisconsin highways.
- The fatality rate per 100 million miles of travel was 1.33, compared to 1.40 in 2000.
- Of the 458 drivers who were killed and tested for alcohol concentration, 163 drivers (36%) had an alcohol concentration of .10 or above.
- 42 pedestrians were killed, compared to 50 in 2000.
- Of the 42 pedestrians killed, 19 (45%) were tested with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or above.
- 9 bicyclists were killed, compared to 10 in 2000.
- 70 motorcyclists were killed, compared to 78 in 2000.
- 42% of people killed in passenger car crashes (for instances in which safety belt use could be determined) were using safety restraints.
- 79% of all motorcyclists killed in crashes (for instances in which helmet use could be determined) were not wearing helmets.
- 61% of all crashes occurred on county trunk highways and local roads.
- The total number of registered vehicles was 4,946,305 compared to 4,798,056 in 2000 (a 3.1% increase).
- The total number of licensed drivers was 3,835,549 compared to 3,667,497 in 2000 (a 4.6% increase).

NOTE: The definition of a "reportable crash" changed starting January 1, 1996. For a Property Damage Only crash, the reporting threshold was raised from \$500 to \$1,000 to "any one person's property." Government-owned property changed to \$1,000 for government-owned vehicles, and remained at \$200 for all other government-owned property. This change in the threshold most likely contributed to the decline in property damage crashes (and therefore, total crashes) as compared to prior years.

Crashes, Not Accidents

Traffic crashes are not accidents but avoidable events caused by a single variable or chain of variables. The Bureau of Transportation Safety is dedicated to reducing traffic injuries and fatalities by addressing the factors that cause them.



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Dear Traffic Safety Partners:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Safety is pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2001 edition of the *Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts* book.

This book provides statewide information on traffic crashes, deaths and injuries. To help you identify current and emerging traffic safety issues, this information is provided in several levels of detail including: number and types of crashes; types of vehicles involved in crashes; severity of injuries; and age and gender of drivers. This information is provided as a resource for traffic safety professionals and those interested in making Wisconsin's roadways, sidewalks, and bicycle paths safe for all of us who travel them.

I want to offer special thanks to Mary Elizabeth Kunkel for her efforts to make this publication accurate and user friendly.

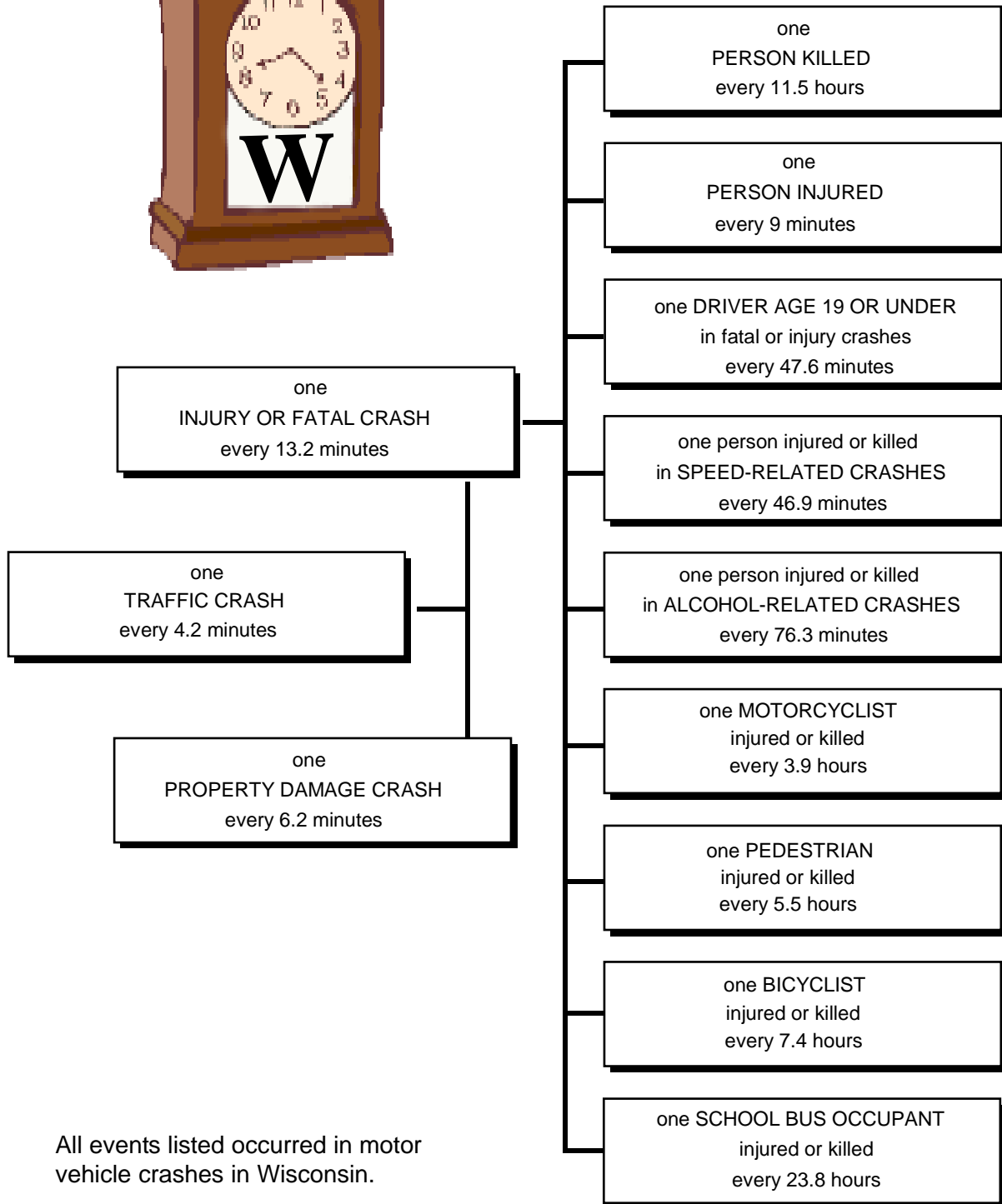
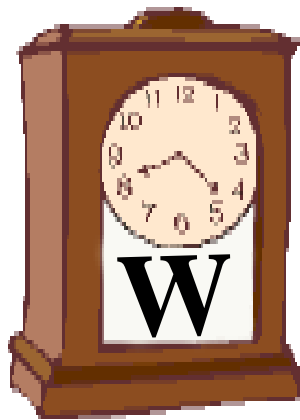
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Evans".

John H. Evans, Director
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